

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A digital signal encoding apparatus for encoding one-bit signals of a plurality of n channels, n being equal to at least two, and the one-bit signals being modulated in delta-sigma manner, the apparatus comprising:

phase modulating means for phase-modulating the one-bit signals as original signals to add data of inverted phases to the one-bit signals; and

information data adding means for adding information data that are related to the one-bit signals to the phase-modulated one-bit signal data ~~having the data of inverted phases added by rearranging the data of inverted phases based on a plurality of m channel units of the n channels, wherein n≥m≥2 and by employing an exclusive OR of the information data and the phase-modulated one-bit signal data.~~

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The digital signal encoding apparatus as set forth in claim 2_1, wherein when the m is equal to 2 and two-bit data of the phase-modulated one-bit signal data is one of 0,1 and 1,0 the information data adding means rearranges the data of inverted phases in accordance with the information data.

4. (previously presented) The digital signal encoding apparatus as set forth in claim 3, wherein when the information data is 1 the information data adding means rearranges the data of inverted phases.

5. (currently amended) A digital signal encoding apparatus for encoding one-bit signals of a plurality of n channels, n being equal to at least two, and the one-bit signals being modulated in delta-sigma manner, the apparatus comprising:

phase modulating means for phase-modulating the one-bit signals as original signals to add data of inverted phases to the one-bit signals;

information data adding means for adding information data that are related to the one-bit signals to the phase-modulated one-bit signal data by rearranging the data of inverted phases based on a plurality of m channel units of the n channels, wherein n≥m≥2; and the digital signal encoding apparatus as set forth in claim 1, further comprising

synchronization signal adding means for adding independent synchronization patterns that cannot exist in one of the phase-modulating means and the information data adding means by arranging a region of a plurality of samples other than a region to which the information data is added in the phase-modulated one-bit signal data every predetermined period and converting the data of inverted phases in the region in accordance with the phase-modulated one-bit signal data.

6. (previously presented) The digital signal encoding apparatus as set forth in claim 5, further comprising correcting means for making the numbers of one-bit data 1's and one-bit data 0's in the predetermined period that are generated when the synchronization patterns are added by the synchronization signal adding means equal to each other by converting the data of inverted phases in a region of the predetermined period so that a difference between the numbers of 1's and 0's is zero.

7. (currently amended) A digital signal encoding method for encoding one-bit signals of a plurality of n channels, n being equal to at least two, and the one-bit signals being modulated in a delta-sigma manner, the method comprising the steps of:

phase-modulating the one-bit signals as original signals to add data of inverted phases to the one-bit signals;

adding information data that are related to the one-bit signals to the phase-modulated one-bit signal data ~~having the data of inverted phases added by rearranging the data of~~

inverted phases based on a plurality of m channel units of the n channels, where $n \geq m \geq 2$;

adding independent synchronization patterns that cannot exist in one of the phase-modulating step and the information data adding step by arranging a region of a plurality of samples other than a region to which the information data are added in the phase-modulated one-bit signal data every predetermined period and converting the data of inverted phases in the region in accordance with the phase-modulated one-bit signal data; and

making numbers of one-bit data 1's and one-bit data 0's in the predetermined period that are generated when the synchronization patterns are added by the synchronization signal adding step equal to each other by converting the data of inverted phases in a region of the predetermined period such that the difference between the numbers of 1's and 0's is zero.

8. (original) The digital signal encoding method as set forth in claim 7, wherein the information data adding step rearranges the data of inverted phases by employing an exclusive OR of the information data and the phase-modulated one-bit signal data.

9. (previously presented) The digital signal encoding method as set forth in claim 8, wherein when the m is equal to 2 and two-bit data of the phase-modulated one-bit signal data is one of 0,1 and 1,0 the information data adding step rearranges the data of inverted phases in accordance with the information data.

10. (previously presented) The digital signal encoding method as set forth in claim 9, wherein when the information data is 1 the information data adding step rearranges the data of inverted phases.

11. (currently amended) A digital signal decoding apparatus for decoding a one-bit data stream transmitted from a

digital signal encoding apparatus that phase-modulates one-bit signals as original signals of a plurality of n channels to add data of inverted phases to the one-bit signals, the one-bit signals being modulated in a delta-sigma manner, and that adds information data that are related to the one-bit signals to the phase-modulated one-bit signal data ~~having the data of inverted phases added by rearranging the data of inverted phases based on a plurality of m channel units of the n channels to generate the one-bit data stream, where n≥m≥2,~~, the digital signal decoding apparatus comprising: synchronization signal detecting means for self-extracting synchronization signals by detecting independent synchronization patterns that cannot exist in the phase-modulating processing and the information data adding processing and that are added by arranging a region of a plurality of samples other than a region to which the information data are added in the one-bit data stream every predetermined period and converting the data of inverted phases in the region in accordance with the phase-modulated one-bit signal data;

information data detecting means for detecting the information data by judging insertion positions of the data of inverted phases in the one-bit data stream based on the synchronization signals detected by the synchronization signal detecting means; and

judging means for judging original signal data in the one-bit data stream based on the synchronization signals detected by the synchronization signal detecting means and for detecting the original signal data from leading data of each channel every 2^n samples.

12. (currently amended) A digital signal decoding method for decoding a one-bit data stream transmitted from a digital signal encoding apparatus that phase-modulates one-bit signals as original signals of a plurality of n channels to add data of inverted phases to the one-bit signals, the one-bit

signals being modulated in a delta-sigma manner, and adds information data that are related to the one-bit signals to the phase-modulated one-bit signal data ~~having the data of inverted phases added by rearranging the data of inverted phases based on the basis of~~ a plurality of m channel units of the n channels to generate the one-bit data stream, where $n \geq m \geq 2$, —and—the method comprising the steps of:

self-extracting synchronization signals by detecting independent synchronization patterns that cannot exist in the phase-modulating processing and the information data adding processing and that are added by arranging a region of a plurality of samples other than a region to which the information data is added in the one-bit data stream every predetermined period and converting the data of inverted phases in the region in accordance with the phase-modulated one-bit signal data;

detecting the information data by judging insertion positions of the data of inverted phases in the one-bit data stream transmitted from a digital signal encoding apparatus based on the synchronization signals detected by the synchronization signal detecting step; and

judging original signal data in the one-bit data stream transmitted from a digital signal encoding apparatus based on the synchronization signals detected by the synchronization signal detecting step and detecting the original signal data from leading data of each channel every 2^n samples.

13. (currently amended) A digital signal transmitting system, comprising:

a digital signal encoding apparatus that phase-modulates one-bit signals as original signals of a plurality of n channels to add data of inverted ~~phases, phases~~ to the one-bit ~~signals—signals,~~ the one-bit signals being modulated in a delta-sigma manner and that adds information data that are related

~~with to~~ the one-bit signals to the phase-modulated one-bit signal data ~~having the data of inverted phases added by rearranging the data of inverted phases based on a plurality of m channel unit of the n channels to generate a one-bit data stream, wherein n≥m≥2; and~~

a digital signal decoding apparatus that self-extracts synchronization signals by detecting independent synchronization patterns included in the one-bit data stream that cannot exist in the phase-modulating processing and in the information data adding processing, and that detects the information data by judging the insertion positions of the data of inverted phases in the one-bit data stream based on the synchronization signals and judges original signal data in the one-bit data stream based on the synchronization signals and detects the original signal data from leading data of each channel every $2n$ samples.